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NEW KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

The new knock-out competition in which Metropolitan Clubs Balgownie and Corrimal will participate, is in full swing. For the benefit of readers draw is again appended:—

First Round.

Gladesville-Ryde v Balmain
Corrimal v Canterbury.
Remaining teams, byes.

Second Round.

- 1—Canterbury or Corrimal v Balgownie.
- 2—Balmain or Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-Leichhardt.
- 3—St. George v Eastern Suburbs.
- 4—Granville v Pyrmont.

Semi-Finals

2 v 3

1 v 4

Matches and venues to be arranged by Metropolitan Management Committee.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Against
Gladesville	13	11	2	—	37	17
Granville	13	10	2	1	42	20
Canterbury	12	7	4	1	22	22
Balmain	13	7	6	—	22	22
Ann-Leichhardt	14	5	8	1	21	21
St. George	13	2	8	3	20	20
Pyrmont	13	2	8	3	15	20
E. Suburbs	13	3	9	1	15	20

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How to Improve Football

Hints by English Trainer.

Following is a splendid article received from Mr. M. Atherton, manager of the English team who toured Australia. Mr. Atherton's views are greatly appreciated, and his kindness proves beyond doubt his love of the game and his own sake really is.

One of the chief items in football is position play, and the positions in the Australian team are the backs and half-backs. Players in these positions have no understanding of one another, and a fault in the wing half, in many cases, has been instructed "to the outside man." Now, the wing half watches the ball forward, the ball is not given to him, but is given to the inside forwards, and they only receive it on odd occasions; then they are given a free kick. In English football, there are only two or three forwards that instruct their backs to mark the outside forwards, and the effect is that too much work is left for the centre forwards. Close observers will have noticed that in our touring team the wing half has taken the inside forward, and the back has been about 10 or 12 yards behind him. It all depends which way the play is on, of course. If the play is on the right, then you will find that the right back has fallen up with his half back, and the other back has taken the position in the centre of the field; or, to say, if the ball is over the right back's head, the other back is in the position to kick the ball before a forward can get to it. So you see there is a method to be followed by the players in the game and the position of the players. In the games played in Australia, the Australian players have never tried anything of this

character. Often you will see two or three players making for the ball at once, and it has been a scramble which would with advantage have been avoided if the players had only thought instead of all going for the ball together. If one had just "backed up" the other, he would be ready if the first player missed the ball which, of course, happens in many cases. Also the second player is saving all his energy and is cooler and steadier for an emergency. Another thing a player does not want to kick a ball as far as he

can; he wants to get it under control, and try and make an opening for a colleague. The secret of football is—never wait for the ball coming to you, but go in to meet it and get it under control as quick as you can; another thing, if you let a player get within five yards of you when you are kicking the ball, the odds are ten to one that when you do kick it the ball will be blocked, or will hit the opponent. With regard to the throw-in, there seems to be no understanding; if only a team would sit down and talk over some method to be followed, it would be time well spent. The following is one suggestion that could be "worked":—If a half back picks the ball up and holds it in his right hand, he intends to throw it to a forward, and if the left, he throws it to a half back or full back. The ball should not be thrown to the player, but thrown two yards in front, or two yards behind; a method could be talked over between the players, and it will be found that the football will improve, and then it will not be long before it gets going in Australia. I heard someone saying that there is no twilight here, and players cannot train at nights; I have thought it out many times since I came to your country, and suggest that as lights for tennis and bowls can be arranged, that they could be used for ball practice. This is necessary, as it will help the players to get better ball control, and the finer arts of the game will come to them, otherwise they will never learn by only playing in matches. At Home our players have to have plenty of ball practice, and one cannot get better education than having the ball, and plenty of it.

M. ATHERTON.

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THE "PIVOT'S" TESTING TASK.

Craft of the Centre-Half.

By Neil McBain, who plays in that position for Everton and Scotland.

The centre-half has the most responsible job on the football field. On him, as pivot, the whole of the work of his colleagues hangs, and his work calls on him to attack and to defend. It's a hard job, but as Neil McBain says, it's a fine one if you have the stamina to play it.

Don't think of being a centre half unless you have first-class stamina. It is the most testing position in the team I know. Haven't I had plenty of it? Always on the run, the centre-half is the hardest worked member of the eleven. He pivots—that is, he is the point, the central point, of the side. He is ever in the midst of the struggle—struggling all the while.

But if you have the proper stamina you'll find centre-half to be quite a pleasant position. Other things must, of course, be more or less equal. For instance, the pivot who is reckless and thoughtless, and doesn't care how he disposes of the ball so long as he gets rid of it, will not get much joy out of the game. He'll be "all over the shop," and in the end find himself pretty well beaten to a frazzle.

My advice to all aspiring centre half-backs is to remember that the more thought one puts into one's work, the easier the work becomes. And the easier one makes it, the more one can accomplish, without extra physical expenditure. The fact of the matter is the more one puts into the game mentally the less has he to put into it physically, and the greater will be his execution and his pleasure.

It is imperative that the centre-half should have a thorough mastery of the ball. His left foot should be as reliable as his right. He should be able to meet the ball with either in expert style, and to dispose of it with precision and judgment, either to left or right or down the centre of the field.

He should be a good header—able to direct the ball correctly

with his head on most occasions, although, like all other players, he will have his periods of weakness and slackness in all departments. These periods are, no doubt, good for him, showing as they do that he has still something to learn.

The man who should most often dominate a game is the centre-half. He should be in the limelight. He is the pivot of the game. The ball is always tending toward the middle of the field. Well, the pivot's place is in or near the centre, and a first-class pivot, playing a first-class game, will generally be one of the most conspicuous figures on the field. He cannot help it.

And, see here, that same pivot may seem to the onlooker to be simply walking through the game. Yet they are always conscious of his presence. He seems to be ever on the ball, ever where it is, bobbing up very quietly here, butting in quietly there, but with great effect.

Well, that pivot is pivoting properly. He has the game in his grasp mentally, and he is disposing himself with intelligence. So he is found generally in the right place at the right time. It is all a question of command of the head and feet, or seeing clearly the intentions of the opposition, of intervening at the exact moment.

In learning the craft of the pivot, one more important point is to become a proficient in uncovering your own forwards. This is what I mean. Become, if you can, so completely master of the ball that you can control it so thoroughly that you have generally scope enough in the toughest of tough encounters to make direct and clear passes to your forwards.

These passes should always be made along the ground, and you should endeavour to make them in a direction which is not obvious to the other side. It is surprising when intelligent anticipation has resulted in successful intervention how many channels are opened to the centre-half in possession.

We are in the midst of a stiff game. Our centre-half is doing extra well. See, there he is, with seeming ease, robbing the opposition of the ball. What splendid control he has! What will he do with the ball?

The obvious pass is to the side-right. But does he pass to him? Not he! He makes another move. Look!

He pushes the ball along the floor, down the side of the field, to the centre-half who is lying just right. Believe me when I tell you the centre-half who plays intelligently will again and again find a way with two or three roads which he can steal the ball on, which are not all obvious to the other side, and so make life awkward for his opponents.

Mind this, that the minimum of physical effort is required to intervene when anticipation is correct. Correct anticipation is, judging accurately what will happen at a given moment—is the feature in the half-back game which makes the play of the pivot so mysteriously simple, makes pivot work look easy, and makes for successful raids on the citadel of opposition.

How can one learn to anticipate correctly? Just by having a careful stock of the play, and knowing how opponents do this and that, watching carefully the methods of the forwards individually and collectively, and using one's own judgment as to the time of intervention.

There is no easy road to perfection; there is none perfect never will be. The perfect player would kill the game dead. But one can become a first-class player at the job, and you pivots should strive to achieve success in this part of the back game. And mark this: the greater the measure of success achieved, the easier and more pleasurable will your game become. But the pivot's task never be easy.

THE SCHOOLBOYS

Proposed Visit to England

At the conference which was held to plan matters for next year's carnival, a proposal was discussed, having for its object the organising of an Australian schoolboy Soccer side to tour England as soon as the opportunity occurred.

It was thought that the side would attend the venture preliminary negotiations and a course of development.

GLADESVILLE'S TEAM.

Description of the Players.

Goalkeeper.

for a number of seasons
Pymont Rangers as half-
goalkeeper; under the
scheme, qualified to play
Annandale-Leichhardt; Cart-
however, stood in the way
"place" in the first team,
transfer was secured by
early in the present
has greatly strengthened
Henson's defence, and his fine
between the sticks during
brought him under the
representative selectors.

Montgomery, Right Back (Cap- tain).

formerly of the Y.M.C.A. and
Clubs; a keen player, tack-
determination, and shows
judgment in defending the
kicks a good length, with
shot; secured by Glades-
this season under the dis-
scheme. Montgomery has
strength to the back di-

Left-back.

formerly of Rozelle Albion,
in the third season with
Gladesville; played in the second
but quickly demonstrated
ability; elevated to the first
and developed into one of
the best backs in Sydney. A fear-
less and strong kicker with
great accuracy.

Half-back.

has been playing in Scot-
land now in his fourth season
with Gladesville; after one season
in the Reserves, gained his
place in the first team, and has
performed consistently well since; in-
tended to "keep him out
of the game, but he was again
able to take the team to take the
place of an injured player, and is
as well as ever. Plays a
brilliant game equally well
as left-half.

Centre-half.

part of the team, stand-
ing 5 ft.; well equipped phy-
sically for the position; in his
third season with Gladesville,
played with the Reserves, and
is one of the most improved
players in Sydney; a bold, fear-
less back, always on the
ground gets through a tremen-
dous amount of work. Maizey is
representing the art of placing

Spurway, Left-half.

Australian International left-
half, and without a peer in that
position; played great football
against England; formerly of
Granville, and secured this season
by Gladesville under the district
scheme; Spurway has greatly
strengthened the half-back line.

Ellis, Right-half.

Equally at home as right-half
or right back; formerly of Pyr-
mont Rangers; secured this sea-
son under the district scheme;
has played with credit to himself
and club whenever he has been
called upon to play with the first
team; Ellis is a keen, hard tack-
ler, kicks with either foot, and is
a hard player to get past.

Hain, Outside Right.

A new arrival from Scotland,
the youngest and lightest player
in the team; after a few games
with the Reserves was drafted
into the first team, and has tho-
roughly justified his inclusion;
fast and tricky, and a hard shot
at goal.

Macfarlan, Inside Right.

In his fourth season with
Gladesville previous to which he
played with Drummoyne as centre
forward. Macfarlan is a hard-
working inside man, falling back
when required to assist the
halves; a clever schemer and a
great goal-getter; has been top-
scorer for the club each season
since he joined, and has 13 goals
to his credit this season; per-
formed the hat-trick against Bal-
main last Saturday.

Wright, Centre Forward.

Secured a few weeks ago, and
has greatly strengthened the at-
tack; a clever unselfish player.
Wright opens out the play and
keeps his wings well supplied with
timely passes.

Henson, Inside Left.

Has played with many clubs,
including Gladesville Hospital,
Balmain, Kia Ora, Sydney, Cocka-
too, and Granville, from whom he
was transferred to Gladesville
during 1922 season, and has played
regularly for the Villagers
since. A clever inside forward,
who plays to get the most out of
his outside partner; is playing
now at the top of his form; a
good shot, and clever with his
head. Henson in his young days
represented England in the

Robertson, Outside Left.

Is in his sixth season with
Gladesville, excepting for a brief
period with Cockatoo during 1921.
Originally a centre forward, was
tried as an outside left, and has
been a great success in that posi-
tion; fast and tricky, and a hard
shot with either foot; quick to
"cut in" and seize an opportunity
to score; Robertson has nine
goals to his credit this season.

CRONIN CUP.

The draw for the Cronin Cup,
in which all matches will be play-
ed on Ibrox Park, resulted as fol-
lows:—

Balmain v Canterbury.

Pymont v Eastern Suburbs.

Annandale-Leichhardt v Glades-
ville-Ryde.

St. George v Granville.

The draw did not permit any
matches being played to-day, and
the first game will be probably
played next week-end.

PYRMONT'S APPEAL.

The M.S.F.A. committee on
Monday night heard evidence on
the Granville-Pymont disputes in
connection with their Lincoln Cup
match, and decided that Granville
should enter the next round, ad-
judging that Pymont had for-
feited on August 15th, when they
were set down to play at Clyde
Oval at 1.45. Pymont has ap-
pealed to a special general meet-
ing of the Association against this
decision, and the appeal will be
heard on Monday night. The
management committee, however,
notwithstanding this, decided to
play the Granville-Gladesville Lin-
coln Cup fixture to-day.

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CORRIMAL

(Red and White)

J. Jardine

1—A. Druery 2—R. Critcher
3—A. Kerr 4—H. Graham 5—A. Rhodes
6—O. Lewis 7—J. Suddick 9—W. Young 10—W. Jones
8—C. Jones

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8—J. Masters
10—F. Learcombe 9—J. Scarlet 7—D. Ward 6—A. McLean
5—H. Johnstone 4—G. Scadding 3—W. Johnstone
2—J. Parker 1—P. Hunter

H. Masters

BALGOWNIE

(Black and White)

Reserves—Balgownie: 11—W. Adie.

Reserves—Corrimal: 11—W. Harrigan.

Referee: J. Lester.

SUNLIGHT CUP FINAL.

SUNLIGHT v. AUBURN

AT IBROX PARK ——— 3.15 P.M.

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BALMAIN v. CANTERBURY
AT EASTON PARK.
FIRST GRADE ——— 3.15 P.M.

BALMAIN
(Black and Gold Stripes)

W. Hughes

1—R. Leadbetter 2—F. Hancock
3—J. Fisher 4—G. Storey 5—W. Byers
6—Baxter 7—J. Sinclair 8—J. Cameron 9—H. McLeod
10—F. Ramsay
O
11—W. Cook 12—Tyson 13—W. Howard 14—E. Burns
15—Marshall 16—R. Robinson 17—E. Loveridge
18—F. Clark 19—E. McLaren

T. Bailey

CANTERBURY

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Referee—Balmain: 11—W. Hale; 12—C. O'Donnell; 13—Robinson.

Referee—Canterbury: 11—Cole; 12—Arrighi; 13—Crozier.
Referee: W. Wright. Linesmen: Messrs. W. Clark and Pringle.

LINCOLN CUP ——— 1.45 P.M.

BALMAIN v. CANTERBURY

BALMAIN

W. Hughes

13—W. Ferguson 14—S. Jelfs
15—Robinson 16—L. Jelfs 17—R. White
18—Parker 19—N. White 20—W. Butel 21—H. Watson
22—W. Hale 23—W. Orr 24—C. O'Donnell
(Two to be omitted)

O

20—P. Burns

21—Lang 22—Moseley 23—L. Cook 24—Horan
25—Gould 26—Whitehead 27—Stannard
28—Alewood 29—James

Little

CANTERBURY

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Referee—Canterbury: 23—Danks, Watson, and A. Lang.
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GRANVILLE v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE.

AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND No. 2.

FIRST GRADE ——— 3.15 P.M.

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

E. Atchison

1—A. Edwards

2—W. Mace

3—N. Hill

4—A. Henderson

5—J. H.

6—S. Bourke

7—H. Winter

9—E. Waldon

10—

8—Rigby

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7—F. Wright

10—H. Robertson 9—N. Henson 8—G. Macfarlan 24—

5—H. Spurway

4—W. Maizey

12—J. D.

2—E. Pont

1—S. Montgomery

F. Anderson

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

(Maroon)

Reserves—Granville: 11—M. Leabeater; 12—Hutchinson.

Referee: A. W. Bates.

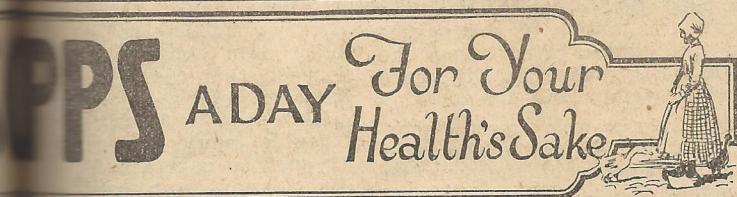
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LINCOLN CUP ——— 1.45 P.M.

GRANVILLE

C. Callaghan

13—Stevens

14—E. Bainbridge

15—Ritchie

16—Hawksley

17—Ledbury

18—Davis

20—Williams

21—McKay

22—Gape

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30—Ashton

31—J. Wallace 16—J. Simmons 28—R. Murray

32—Twine

13—D. Steel

29—H. Gay

27—J. Lyons

23—T. Ellis

J. Fowler

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

Referee: T. Anderson.

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It does a world of good for a team to discuss ways and means of winning its coming match, but a good many captains do not give enough attention to this side of football. Read what Donald Mackinlay says about it, and see how many matches have "come off" through talking tactics in the dressing-room.

I do not suppose that many people would dispute a statement to the effect that tactics play a very important part in the game of football. Many matches are won, not by superior skill in ball manipulation, or by greater accuracy in the vicinity of goal, but by the adoption of the right methods at the right time.

So far as the big clubs are concerned, the key-note of modern football is equality, there being very little to choose in merit between the clubs at the top and the clubs low down in the League table. As an example of this, did we not have Preston North End last season win their first match of the season against Cardiff City, up to that time unbeaten?

I was told by a member of the Preston team that he considered that it was tactics which enabled them to pull through against Cardiff. You see, to a certain extent, Cardiff City rely, for defensive purposes, on the idea that it is the wing half-backs duty to mark the opposing outside wing man. Now Newcastle United, for whom the present manager of Preston North End—James Lawrence—used to play, did not believe in this method, and they thought out a scheme by which it could be turned to weakness when used by the opposition.

So before the match against Cardiff—according to my informant—Lawrence told the Preston forwards exactly how to play against the Cardiff defensive idea of the wing half watching the outside wing man. And success came the way of the Preston team.

Not always, of course, does the employment of certain tactics, carefully thought out beforehand,

cause you have to remember that there are usually two sets of people doing this "tactics" business. But I do not think I need labour the point that other things being equal, it is tactics, or strategy, if you like, which often turns the scale, which makes the difference between victory and defeat.

Certainly, dressing-room discussions, if carried out in the right spirit, and based on the soundest principles backed by really good advice, ought to help a team to victory on the field. There are many ways in which these dressing-room discussions can be beneficial. Before a match, for instance, it is just as well to make use of every available bit of material concerning one's opponents of that particular day. Suppose, by way of a simple illustration, the other fellows make a habit of setting the off-side trap for the forwards. The fact should be noted, and a little quiet talk held among the players as to how to circumvent such tactics.

Last season the usual Liverpool practice when meeting an off-side expert, was to instruct a wing half-back to try one or two individual dashes quite early in the game. These dashes might not be successful in producing goals; that indeed, was not their main object. But if, against opponents playing the off-side game, a half-back—or even a full-back—makes the attempt to go through instead of passing, the off-side experts get worried. And the probability is that they decide that for this particular game such methods will not pay.

I recall one particular match last season. At the last moment our opponents had to bring in reserves at both left full-back and left half-back, and from what we know these reserves were not so good as the usual first teamers. So just before the match started we decided that our right wing should be given every possible bit of work, and although I am not going to tell our opponents, I may add that the adoption of such tactics brought us one of our most convincing wins of the season.

There is another way, too, in which dressing-room chats can be held with beneficial results. I suppose we may take it for granted that most teams have a little talk, either on the way to the ground if it is an away match, or

home. But what about afterwards? Suppose the match has been lost?

To my way of thinking it is a very good time to have a talk. Don't imagine that I mean that there should be an inquest held after every match with a view to finding out the cause of the trouble. Trouble would inevitably come if such a course were pursued. But I know from experience that teams as a whole can benefit from reviewing the game which has just been played. Why was it lost? Why was that forward left with such a chance? Was it due to the opposition, which may be copied, or was it due to a weakness in defence which may be remedied by a little more attention to covering methods? Had been agreed upon in the dressing-room before the match?

I believe it is a fact that in some dressing-rooms at the present time there is a tendency to make use of a blackboard. It is easy, of course, to win a match by a blackboard, because the opponents are not there to interfere with their counter-attack. Within limits there can be much harm in discussing tactics on a blackboard.

I remember Charlie Hughes, the former captain of Newcastle United and a great tactician, saying that they won the English Cup with tactics described how on the way to the final, they put two corks on a table, and out a goal-scoring plan. As events worked out, they won the particular final by a scheme exactly to plan down to the goal-scoring. It was Harold Halse—goal-keeper—who carried the plan.

Yes, there is much to be done in the dressing-room afterwards the winning of a match. One word of warning should be put in, however, before I conclude. Tactics discussed in the dressing-room should never be used very early in the game. Very often the tactics may go wrong, the other team may have thought out alternative schemes. And the most likely to succeed is the plan of the captain who can see quickly when a change of tactics is necessary, and has the necessary courage to carry it out.

FOOTER POSERS PUZZLED OUT.

Points to Ponder Upon by
a Referee.

Who who carefully study the game of Soccer find that there are many points which give rise to differences of opinion, but various problems come before referees at times. It may be some of those that I am about to describe, that they are likely to happen on the field of play, but still they are worth thinking about, and it is one of these fine points that tests our knowledge of the game.

To take the commencement of a game, for instance. How do you know that if your side wins the toss he has the right to say, "We will kick off, or we have the choice of ends?" It would be perfectly in order under Law 2 says, "The side of the toss shall have the right to kick off, or choice of

The Off-side Law.

Of course, Law 6—the "Off-side"—gives rise to a number of questions, but I don't propose to discuss any of them in detail. However, mention one little point which is not generally known. You are aware that a player cannot be off-side from a goal unless he is in the opponents' half of the field. Imagine a forward well placed in the opponents' half of the field with only their goalie in front of him, getting the ball directly from a kick-off from his own half.

There would be a prompt appeal for "off-side," but if the referee allowed him to go on and score, it would be quite correct, as Law 6 specially says that a player is not out of play unless the ball is kicked off from his half.

Law 16 describes how the game is restarted after a temporary suspension of play owing to an accident or similar stoppage. This is, of course, done by the referee dropping the ball. Now here's a puzzle: If the player who touches the ball when it is dropped in this way, sends it straight through his opponent's half, should a goal be

Well, seeing that Law 16 says that the ball "shall be in play when it has touched the ground," the answer is "Yes." You see there is no mention of the ball having to be played twice.

Place Kicks.

According to Law 11, a goal cannot be scored direct from a place-kick, that is, from a kick off from the centre of the field. And you know that a player taking a place kick cannot touch the ball a second time himself until some other player has touched it.

But I am going to show you that although Law 11 seems to be so definite, it is possible for the player taking a place-kick to score a legitimate goal without any other player on either side having touched the ball! Mind, I say it is possible, although I admit it is hardly probable.

Suppose the centre-forward, in kicking off, lifts the ball over his opponents heads and follows it up quickly. Before anyone else touches the ball he is tripped, takes the free-kick himself and puts the ball straight into the

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"THE STORE FOR MEN."

Just a little puzzle about the throw-in. If one side is doing all the attacking, and their goalie gets tired of doing nothing, he may go up the field and join in the game. He is at liberty to do this so long as he does not handle the ball outside his own penalty area.

Now if he takes on the duty of a half-back, and throws the ball in when it has gone into touch, would you penalise him for "handling?" I have heard it argued that he should be so penalised, but if you think about the matter you will realise that the "handling" only refers to times when the ball is in play.

Throws In.

Another puzzle regarding the restarting of a game after an accident, by the referee dropping the ball. Can the first player who touches it after it is dropped be "off-side?" He may have fewer than three opponents in front of him, but remember that that proviso only applies to the moment when the ball was last played by

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

ASSOCIATION CUP.

The outstanding features of this year's competition are firstly the success attained by Eastern Suburbs Association, who are playing its first season in the fight for the championship of the metropolis. It has finished all its matches, and suffered defeat only once, on that occasion at the hands of the Granville Association, who are the strongest Association in the metropolis, and who have, owing to Easts draw last week, become the winners of the trophy for 1925 season. These two teams met in the first round some months ago, when the tricolours were defeated 3—0.

The second feature is the play of the M.J.F.A., who until this season were looked upon as a strong association, and the greatest rivals of Granville; they have up to date only secured one win—against the Churches, in the first round.

To-day Granville and Canterbury meet at the Canterbury Sports Ground. The Blue and Golds are an in and out combination, and a win to them would not cause any surprise. The Magpies cannot be beaten for the Premiership, as they will in any case still have a point lead from Eastern Suburbs.

The other game scheduled for to-day is M.J.F.A. and Manly, at the seaside; Manly's great display against Easts some weeks back makes one think the Metrops. will have to be all out to come home the victors. The competition table to date reads as follows:—

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	4	4	—	—	20	1	8
E. Suburbs .. .	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Prot. Churches	5	2	2	1	9	15	5
Canterbury .. .	4	2	2	—	11	4	4
M.J.F.A.	4	1	3	—	6	9	2
Manly	4	—	4	—	1	18	—

INTER-DISTRICT MATCHES.

For the first time a combined junior team, selected from all the Associations in the metropolis, will be pitted against a representative team from the Newcastle

For years past interchange of visits between the Metropolis and Newcastle has been carried out, when the Metrop. Junior Association met teams from the North in Sydney on King's Birthday, and returned the visit on Prince of Wales Birthday. These games for the last two seasons have not been played as owing to the area allotted the M.J.F.A. having been considerably lessened, the finances have not allowed these games to take place, and now with the Junior Board of Control firmly established these fixtures we hope will be played, not only with Newcastle, but all other Associations in the State.

TASMANIAN JUNIOR VISIT.

The South Hobart Juniors will arrive in Sydney to-morrow, and will play games in the Metropolis and also in the Northern District. The games in Sydney are:—

Tuesday, September 1st: v. Manly Association, at Manly Oval.

Thursday, 3rd September: against Protestant Churches' Association, at Primrose Park.

Saturday, 5th September: v. Combined Metropolis at Canterbury Sports Ground.

In addition to playing football an enjoyable social programme has been arranged.

The tour, insofar as regards Sydney, will be carried out under the control of the Junior Board.

ANOTHER JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Progress Being Maintained.

It is with great pleasure we announce the formation of still another Junior Association in the metropolis, and on this occasion in a district where Soccer is practically unknown. The body who will become affiliated to the Junior Board of Control will be styled "Northern Suburbs Soccer Association." The Hon. Secretary pro. tem. is well-known to Soccer officials, and at one time was President of the Protestant Churches and also Assistant Secretary of the M.J.F.A., namely, Mr. Allan Pickering.

and the Association is anxious to launch their competition next season.

We congratulate the people who have worked hard for this great cause, and wish them success.

With the St. George's Associations, which were in season will again affiliate to the Board of Control, there will be nine Junior Associations in the metropolis.

SOUTH COAST'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is remarkable that some of the State's most eminent representatives in the South Coast club and diner Cup has never found a place in that area. In the final, being beaten by WallSEND. Owing to the away of the Illawarra all clubs, with the exception of Balgownie and Corrimal, have retired. Both were successful against the combinations, and appear excellent prospects of the semi-finals. Balgownie, of the Newcastle, at South Coast, in a very round, and drawn against Adamstown, Newcastle. West WallSEND holders, will be opposed in this round. The playing this round has been decided.

PREMIERSHIP

The healthy sporting between Granville and Ryde ensures a strong test when these two enter the arena next season to decide the destination of the metropolitan premiership. The venue is the Sydney Sports Ground, No. 2. Gladstone has a one-point lead from its adversary, and has scored 10 goals against its opponent. Granville won the premiership in 1923 and 1924, and in the average of 43, against 35, they met in the first round. Ryde won a most exciting

Metropolitan Junior Association

INTER-ASSOCIATION CUP.

METROPOLITAN JUNIORS VERSUS MANLY JUNIORS.

KIRLE'S PARK, MANLY.

METROPOLITAN JUNIORS.

(Red and Black)

A. Jenkins
(Lilyfield)

2—J. Kay
(Warren Avoca)

1—A. Robinson
(Lilyfield)

5—J. Watson
(Newtown Jnrs.)

4—A. Cox
(City United)

3—W. Wright
(Warren Avoca)

1—Davis
(Jnrs.)

9—S. Jones
(City United)

7—P. Patunga
(Newtown Jnrs.)

6—A. Menzies
(Lilyfield)

8—J. Allen
(Newtown Jnrs.)

O

11—J. Stewart (Annandale Federals); 12—C. Nash
(Annandale Federals); 13—T. Brown (Newtown Jnrs.);
14—Coughlan (Rozelle Waratahs).

(Team not available).

MANLY JUNIORS.

Complaint lodged by Leich-
towers against City United
regarding an unregistered player
upheld. It has been
that this player is unquali-
fied to compete in the competi-

tions controlled by M.J.S.F.A., be-
ing a member of the Pyrmont Dis-
trict Club. It is regretted that
City United took this chance, as
it will probably determine the
winners of the All Age competi-
tion.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

EASTERN SUBURBS v. KURRI KURRI.

TRAMWAY GROUND, NEWCASTLE — 3.15 P.M.

KURRI KURRI

(Green)

Goal:

G. Goodwin

1—J. Beddow

2—W. Stewart

3—S. Kidd

4—W. McNab

5—R. Bower

6—Wells

7—J. Stewart

9—M. Price

10—W. Garthland

8—T. Green

O

8—J. Smith

11—C. Maitland

9—T. Maddocks

7—C. O'Connor

6—J. Nobbs

12—S. Peel

4—N. Wilkins

3—A. Barber

2—O. Pozdelik

1—A. Bennie

W. Wyatt

EASTERN SUBURBS

(Red, Blue and White)

Eastern Suburbs: 11—A. Rigby; 12—A. Thompson;

13—W. Ballard.

Kurri Kurri: 11—M. Allen; 12—S. Bagnall.

M.S.F.A.

Results of Last Saturday's Games.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Eastern Suburbs drew with Kurri
Kurri 3—3.

Wallsend defeated Annandale-
Leichhardt 2—1.

Metropolitan-Illawarra Knock-out
Gladesville Ryde defeated Balmain
7—2.

Corrimal drew with Balgownie
1—1.

1st Grade.

Canterbury defeated St. George
4—2.

Lincoln Cup.

Canterbury drew with Balmain
2—2.

Sunlight Cup—Semi Final.

Auburn defeated Alexandria 3—1

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Metropolitan Premiership Final.

Granville v Gladesville-Ryde,
Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2,
3.15. Referee, A. W. Bates.
Linesmen, Messrs. G. Skelly
and E. J. Martin.

Premiership Game.

Balmain v Canterbury, Easton Pk,
3.15. Referee, W. Wright;
linesmen, Messrs. W. Clark and
Pringle.

Gardiner Cup.

Eastern Suburbs v Kurri Kurri,
Newcastle Tramway Ground,
3.15. Referee, F. Harvey.

Metropolitan-Illawarra "Knock- Out."

Balgownie v Corrimal. Referee,
J. Lester.

Lincoln Cup (Second Grade).

Granville v Gladesville, S.C.G. No.
2, 1.45. Referee, T. Anderson.
Balmain v Canterbury, Easton Pk,
1.45. Referee, G. M'Grath.

Sunlight Cup Final.

Auburn v Sunlight, Ibrox Park,
3.15. Referee, E. Ratcliffe;
linesmen, Messrs. O'Hara and
Summers.

Protestant Churches Association

The only outstanding feature in First Grade last week was the ungentlemanly conduct of Pyrmont Congs. who were towelled by Holy Trinity A 3—1.

In fact, so seriously does the Churches' M.C. view their offence that they will not be permitted to play next Saturday, and have been ordered to appear next Tuesday to show cause why the team should not be disqualified.

In Second Grade there were, as predicted, three great matches. In the first half Lakemba Congs. A had the advantage of the play, though the score at lemon time was 1—1. In the second spasm it was only the good keeping of J. Watson that saved Lakemba. H. Park Congs were further handicapped on account of one of their players being injured. If Lakemba can defeat or draw with M'kville Pres. A to-day then they win the competition.

Campsie Meth. A and Botany Meth. A put up a wonderful exhibition at Campsie, every man playing the game of his life. The teams were evenly matched though the Campsie boys notched the only goal. Botany lodged a protest (the first this year), which was dismissed.

St. Aidans A and All Souls played before a crowd of about 500. Though score ended evenly 1—1 (in the second half Souls could do whatever they liked—except put the ball between the sticks. St. Aidans have been playing for six years, and their win is indeed a popular one.

In Third Grade a bit of a surprise was staged at Lakemba, when the locals drew with St. Thomas A. However, this slight reverse should not worry the Rozelle boys.

St. Silas also received a rude shock when Botany Pres. drew with them. The Presb. are a wonderfully improved team, and will shake up any team they meet during the remainder of the season.

To-day's Games.

Though it will have no bearing on the competition, St. Clements and Holy Trinity A will play their

deferred match to-day. The black and whites think they'll win. Holy Trinity thinks differently, and so does this paper.

In second grade the K.O. competition will commence, and some interesting games should be staged, as none of the teams have previously met. It is thought St. Stephens, All Souls, and Croydon Congs. A will come out on top, though they will not be walk-overs.

No interest attaches much to 3rd grade A Division, though in the B Division St. Silas and Hurlstone Park Meth. will be a good game. On paper a draw would appear to be a fair result.

Presentation of Trophies.

The sixth annual presentation of trophies will be held on Thursday, 1st October, 1925, in the Marrickville Town Hall.

P.C.R.A.

Mr. H. G. Moss, of 362 Belmont Street, Alexandria, the new Hon. Secretary of the Referees' Association, announces that the annual dinner will be held in the library of the Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday, 2nd September, at 6.30 p.m.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

First Grade K.O.

Holy Trinity A v Lakemba Congs. A, at Lakemba, 3.15.
All Saints A v Campsie Meth. A, at Campsie, 3.15.

2nd Grade K.O.

Teams to be notified.

3rd Grade Competition A Division

Austens Jnrs. v St. Aidans B, on Centen. Park No. 2, 1.45.

St. Bedes v St. Thomas A. Leichhardt Flat, 1.45.

St. Johns B v M'kville Pres. B, Centen. Park No. 2, 3.15.

Balmain Meth. v Annandale Meth., L'hardt Flat, 3.15.

Rozelle Meth. v Lakemba Congs. B, Lakemba, 1.45.

3rd Grade B Division Competition

Botany Pres. v St. James, Centen. Park No. 1, 1.45.

Croydon Congs. B v H. Pk. Meth. Croydon, 1.45.

Campsie Meth. B v Botany Meth. B, Centen. Park No. 1, 3.15.

St. Thomas B v St. Silas, V. Road No. 1, 3.15.

Campsie Congs. the bye.

The following will represent the P.C.S.F.A. against Teams at Primrose Park, on Thursday 3rd September. Players to report to the manager, Reg. Smith, on the ground, at 1.30 p.m.

Goal: J. Park (Austens Jnrs.)

Backs: L. Morgan (Campsie), Aidans A), J. Havill (All Saints A).

Halves: Shepherd (Campsie Meth. A), Minton (Lakemba Congs. A), M. Chessell (Lakemba Congs. A).

Forwards: H. Chessell (Lakemba Congs. A), Lindsay (Campsie Congs.), Goodwin (Drummond J. Voux (St. Aidans A), J. Voux (All Saints A).

Reserves: H. Powell (Austens Jnrs.), H. Turnbull (Campsie Meth. A).

SYDNEY REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

GAME WITH NEWCASTLE

The Sydney Referees' Association have invited their Newcastle friends to visit Sydney on Friday, 12th September, to play them at football.

It is proposed to have a meeting of both Associations with the New South Wales Referees' Association Board in attendance to deliver a lecture, and a discussion will follow. Members of Sydney Referees' Association are requested to be present in force.

Application has been made to the Annandale-Leichhardt Cricket Club for permission to play at Ibrox. This fixture should prove a draw card to players and generally to see how the referees interpret the laws of the game in actual play.

The Newcastle Referees' Association were entertained to harmony last evening.

A number of prominent referees have submitted their names for selection against Newcastle. The selection will consist of the following: Clark, J. H. Lester, H. Austin, Battin, W. Brown, C. H. Smith, Easton, W. Blakely, P. O'Brien, R. Brown, G. McLay, E. J. H. G. McGrath, H. Cockwell, E. Jones, A. Pringle, A. L. E. J. Hopper.

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an essential factor in
up of every footballer,
to the man who oper-
the same position as him-
A player who cannot
head in any situation is
to present-day Soccer
the accompanying ar-
Farquharson enlarges upon
dealing especially with
to goalkeepers.

A first-class keeper, one
able to face the fiercest
element, and every situation
up with a cool coun-
I don't mean carelessly,
manner. Keep your
you, and don't get ex-
anything.

ached plenty of goalies
and noticed quite a
completely flustered when
to withstand a severe
And, my word,

present-day forwards
in! "Get rid of the
— and that as quickly
seems to be the motto
young custodians. But,
it doesn't pay to get
flustered. You'll give
goals by "falling over
you will by taking

with your clearances.
I don't mean stand still
the state of the wea-
the opposing centre,
there's not the slight-
hurry. Remember this
between the sticks
privileges on the field
any other player.

many of our refer-
n't allow the poor for-
at us, let alone
We're allowed to use
and can carry the ball
between each bounce.
which way you like,
to the conclusion
to need to get flus-
comes to clearing
your own territory.

however, do become un-
on the field, and

I've come to the conclusion that
it's the attitude of the crowd that
is the cause of quite a lot of it.

Many football crowds have a
nasty habit of barracking the vis-
iting 'keeper, especially if that in-
dividual is frustrating the efforts
of their own clubs forwards to
score. It's so easy with the poor
fellow so near and unable to get
away. Of course, please don't
run away with the idea that I am
alluding to every footer crowd.
I'm not. I know differently.

Some of the crowds I have play-
ed before are more partial to the
visiting side than they are to
their own favourites, and, thank-
goodness, British football crowds
still contain hundreds who are not
afraid to applaud clever work by
the visiting side.

Still, as long as Soccer lasts,
I suppose there will be a certain
section of every crowd who some-
how cannot refrain from hurling
offensive epithets at the opposing
goalies, and for that matter, to
whole teams sometimes. Why
they find cause to do it, I cannot
understand.

To have these epithets hurled
at one is very unnerving. One
crowd we play before have a
peculiar habit of referring to me
as "lazy." I suppose I'm called
this because I persist in taking
things in a matter-of-fact way.
But with all the shouting, I never
change my method of play.

Keep this fact in mind. The
fellow who listens to the crowd
will never make a class goal-
keeper. Why? Well, he'll hear
things that'll cause him to lose
his head. Take no notice of any-
thing that is said about yourself
or about any of your team mates.
And above all, don't whatever you
do, turn round to the crowd and
back answer. You'll make things
much worse for yourself and for
your team if you do.

Some of you may become scared
because the crowd make fun of
your particular peculiarities. Don't
take offence at it, and for good-
ness sake don't let it affect your
play. Why, that kind of wit helps
the sporting side of the game. Be
a sport and take it in the way
it is meant. The Welsh fans are
very fond of calling out to us;
they're about the most rabid par-
tisans I've ever come across, but,
my word, they know how to act

"the sport," and there is no crowd
I am fonder of playing before.

Extra special occasions are apt
to affect the goalie too. You
know the sort of matches I mean,
local Derbies, cup-ties, etc. With
me I suppose you'd say it'd be
international matches and F.A.
Cup-ties. In these matches I ad-
mit one cannot help getting a wee
bit excited, but one should be set-
tled down within a few minutes.
My advice is: Try to keep a clear
head all the time, keep yourself
cool and collected, play your usual
game and all will be well. It
takes a bit of doing I know, but
try hard, and you will succeed.

I shall never forget my first in-
ternational match, when I turned
out for the land of the Shamrock
against the Thistle on the famous
Windsor Park ground at Belfast
on March 3rd, 1923. I went out
on to that field feeling very
"goosy," I can tell you.

But I knew that this wouldn't
do.

"Look here, my lad," I said
to myself, "you'll never do any
good in this match, if you don't
collect yourself." So gradually I
settled down to my usual game,
and although I was powerless to
stop a veritable pile-driver of a
shot from Andy Wilson, I think I
might be pardoned when I say
that I gave a fairly good account
of myself. Of course, after that
game I never felt "windy" again.

Don't think that I'm boasting
when I say that I never feel win-
dy. You can be the same. I
don't mean you can all play for
your country, although there are
some of you who will probably
be doing that when you reach the
height of your fame. But you
can all pull yourselves together
when you're feeling flustered in
just the same way as I did in that
first "National."

No goalie gets "wind up" more,
I suppose, than when he's faced
by a man standing with the ball
on the twelve yards mark.

"Oh," he groans, "a penalty!"
No need for the extra "breeze"
at all. No goalkeeper is really
expected to stop the shot, al-
though of course, it's often done.

My greatest penalty save was
in the first match I ever played
as goalie. In a Leinster Minor
Cup round played in Dublin, I
was induced to turn out for "An-

nally" against "Glanmore," and in the closing period of the game I was called upon to face two penalty kicks within ten minutes.

The same man took the two kicks, and in each case tried to trick me into moving towards one corner, while actually placing the ball towards the other. As I remained cool and did not move until I saw the leather moving I succeeded in saving both.

Whatever you do in a situation such as this, don't go mad. Don't lose your mental balance and jump about like a Dervish in front of the kicker. It only shows nervousness on your part, and if the kicker is at all a good, clear-minded player he'll beat you. No, stand still, watch his feet (you should be able to see just where he intends to put the shot), then all you've got to do is to get to it quickly. But you'll never have the faintest hope of saving any straight shot under the sun unless you keep cool and wait for what is coming.

So remember if you are to be the success you would like to be, you must keep cool, keep your wits calm and collected, and above all do nothing rash. That's the only way to real success at the goal-keeping game.

WHERE ARE WEAKLINGS?

(By Sirocco).

The Metropolitan Association's sole representative remaining in the Gardiner Challenge Cup is fighting for its place in the sun and the prestige of Sydney Soccer. Eastern Suburbs, although occupying a humble position in the progressive point score of the premiership competition, surpassed themselves when pitted against one of the strongest clubs of the Newcastle jurisdiction last Saturday, and showed that they have hearts of oak. They made a great effort in playing Kurri Kurri to a three-goal draw. The magnificent performance of Eastern Suburbs cannot fail to thrill and inspire those who are lamenting the weakness of "poor Sydney clubs," and suggest that to save time and expense city combinations should play an eliminating round, so

THE DISTRICT CLUB GATES. Statement of Gate Receipts to August 1st, 1925.

GROSS GATES.

	£	s.	d.
Ibrox Park (15 games)	283	16	10
Granville (5 games)	243	16	0
Sydney Cricket Ground (6 games) ..	197	19	6
Canterbury (8 games)	116	11	0
Easton Park (11 games)	96	9	3
St. George (4 games)	73	3	6
Waverley (2 games)	10	0	0
R. A. Show Ground (1 game)	30	7	3
Less Ground Rents	366	2	6
Referees' Fees	38	17	6
Advertising	22	9	6
Wages and Tax	62	5	5

Net Gates for Distribution

ALLOCATION OF NET GATES.

M.S.F.A.	193	1	0
Granville	115	5	2
Annandale-Leichhardt	50	2	5
Canterbury	41	17	3
Gladesville-Ryde	40	13	2
Pymont	37	13	4
Balmain	31	2	6
St. George	30	12	1
Eastern Suburbs	22	1	6

that before the competition proper commences the "weaklings" will be out of the way.

Zone System Wrong.

Although such a practice operated in the past, the idea is entirely opposed to the spirit of the State championship. Early in the present season representatives from Sydney, Newcastle, Illawarra, Maitland, and Granville unanimously subscribed to the principle of the whole of the First Grade clubs of the respective areas being placed in the ballot. Last season, owing to the adoption of the zone system in the preliminary rounds, coupled with the disability of allowing junior organisations to participate, Granville, the Sydney premiers, reached the qualifying round before encountering a First Grade combination. Could anything be more farcical? Of course, some clubs will fail—that is inevitable—but it is refreshing to see how the men of Eastern Suburbs set the

pace when all hope for a Sydney team contestants seemed to have been abandoned. Their superb forward skill, defence, and individual play, Eastern Suburbs accomplished their greatest triumph of the season when Smith, their captain, scored only one goal from the closure. Such a wonderful performance, in which East's three goalkeepers were perplexed even by the calibre of Hardy and the Englishmen. They live long in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to witness it. Probably Sydney has a Sydney team, crammed with so many incidents and such a high termination.

The game will be played in Newcastle to-day, as per competition rules, and Eastern Suburbs can tighten their defence a trifle, its previous meeting Cessnock in the same round justifying opinion.